

- Federal Funding for Consentino Park in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured to help the Village of Wappingers Falls purchase downtown waterfront land for Consentino Park is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$196,000 secured by Congressman Hall for the new park has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

“Consentino Park and the Wappinger Greenway Trail are important projects environmentally, culturally, and economically,” said Hall. “I am pleased that this funding would help reduce the tax burden on local taxpayers by providing federal money to help purchase this waterfront property for the benefit of all residents.”

The Village of Wappingers Falls is seeking to create a park along West Main Street to provide downtown access to the Wappinger Greenway Trail. The Greenway Trail offers visitors views of scenic natural sites and historical buildings, as well as recreational and commercial opportunities. The improvement of Consentino Park is expected to help revitalize downtown Wappingers Falls by increasing the number of visitors to the village, encouraging redevelopment of storefronts and spurring further economic development.

The Senate approved the funds on Tuesday night, followed by a final House vote last night, and the President is expected to sign the measure into law in the coming days.